

Introduced by Senator Yee

August 13, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 66—Relative to Online Voter Registration Day.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 66, as introduced, Yee. Online Voter Registration Day.

This measure would declare September 19, 2013, to be Online Voter Registration Day, and would state the Legislature's intent to encourage all eligible voters in the state to register to vote prior to the October 21, 2013, deadline for local elections to be held on November 5, 2013.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Political sovereignty was vested in the people to
2 ensure a process of remedy and redress of grievances against
3 government through a democratic process of electing
4 representatives to voice the people's concerns; and
5 WHEREAS, Individuals can now easily participate in our
6 democracy by registering to vote online or through a range of
7 traditional means to take advantage of their right to vote, the most
8 important of rights and obligations, and dutifully participate in the
9 electoral system in order to guarantee that democracy works for
10 the people's interests; and
11 WHEREAS, An eligible citizen shall not be prevented from
12 registering to vote or barred from the right to vote by his or her
13 ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, age, or disability, nor a test
14 of land, literacy, or fluency; and

1 WHEREAS, Every movement toward universal suffrage, from
2 the inclusion of African Americans to the inclusion of women,
3 strengthens the social fabric; and

4 WHEREAS, Party affiliation, or lack thereof, should not hinder
5 the state from registering voters; and

6 WHEREAS, The purpose of Online Voter Registration Day is
7 to encourage participation in democracy and register eligible voters
8 in the state; and

9 WHEREAS, Approximately 24 percent of eligible voters in the
10 state are not registered to vote; and

11 WHEREAS, Many eligible voters either miss the registration
12 deadline or do not know how to register to vote; and

13 WHEREAS, An eligible voter in the state has multiple avenues
14 to register to vote, including registering at a local public assistance
15 or disability service agency or at the Department of Motor
16 Vehicles, completing and mailing a voter registration card available
17 at all United States post offices, or registering online at the
18 Secretary of State's voter registration Internet Web site; now,
19 therefore be it

20 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
21 *thereof concurring*, That September 19, 2013, be proclaimed as
22 Online Voter Registration Day; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Legislature hereby encourages all eligible
24 voters in the state to register to vote prior to the October 21, 2013,
25 deadline for local elections to be held on November 5, 2013; and
26 be it further

27 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
28 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.